



Connecticut Department of Agriculture
 Dannel P. Malloy, Governor; Steven K. Reviczky, Commissioner
 Robert R. Pellegrino, Bureau Director



Marketing & Technology Bureau, (860) 713-2503
 Linda Piotrowicz, Interim Editor
Wednesday, February 22, 2012

NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

COMMISSIONER REVICZKY ANNOUNCES NEW FARMLAND RESTORATION PROGRAM

State Bond Commission Approves \$5 Million to Return Farmland to Production

Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky recently announced that the State Bond Commission has approved \$5,000,000 in funding for the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's new Farmland Restoration Program.

Authorized by Public Act 11-1, this voluntary program provides matching grants of up to \$20,000 for restoration activities that increase the state's farmland resource base for agriculture, with an emphasis on prime and important farmland soils and on human and livestock food production. It is expected that the program will be able to work with over 350 farms.

"Connecticut's agricultural sector is a critical component of the state's history and our economy, and we are committed to supporting efforts to preserve, protect and restore our farms," said Governor Malloy. "Over the past year we have worked hard to strengthen our economy, adding more than 9,000 jobs in the state in the last 13 months. Investing in our farms and dairies and expanding their potential is part of Connecticut's economic recovery, and highlights our respect for our agricultural heritage."

Commissioner Reviczky explained that a conservation plan or Farmland Restoration Program plan is required for participation in the new program. Conservation plans are prepared by the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), while Farmland Restoration Program plans are prepared with assistance from the North Central Conservation District (NCCD) or other approved entities.

"Interested, eligible farmers should first submit an application to the Connecticut Department of Agriculture," said Commissioner Reviczky. "We will evaluate the proposals and notify applicants of acceptance or rejection. In the case of acceptance, we will then ask the applicants to contact the NRCS or NCCD for help preparing the appropriate conservation or restoration plan needed." Approved

funded applicants will have one year to complete the plan treatments.

The Department of Agriculture will give priority to projects targeting production of fruits and vegetables. The agency will consider livestock, livestock feed, and support production second, with tertiary consideration given to other uses based on land use and acreage to be restored for agricultural production.



Clearing of brush as part of farmland restoration work

Farmers can use the grants for a variety of restoration treatments, including clearing and removal of trees, stumps, stones, and brush to create or restore agricultural use; installation of resource protection barriers to protect crop fields on restoration areas; restoration of shellfish beds or aquaculture ponds; and removal of invasive plants and hedgerow management for reclamation of overgrown fields, pastures, and meadows.

(continued on Page 3)



**WHOLESALE FLOWERS
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
ANEMONE, bnch,lng	10.00	12.50
CALLA,bnchd 5,xlng	27.50	27.50
GARDENIA, blm	5.50	5.50
GARDENIA bnch,3	15.00	15.00
GERBERA, stm,lng	.60	.80
LILY,Asiatic,bnch,lng	12.00	12.00
LILY,Asiatic,3-5 blm,lng	15.00	18.00
LILY,Casa blnc,bnch,12,lng	25.00	27.50
LILY,Siberian, bnch,lng	20.00	20.00
LILY,Sorbn, bnch,lng	20.00	20.00
SNFLWR,bnch,5,lng	7.50	7.50

NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION

February 20, 2012

Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

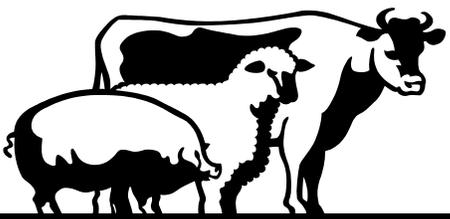
49-54	220-270 lbs	68.00-73.00
	270-300 lbs	71.00-74.00
	300-350 lbs	64.00-71.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	48.00-55.00
	500-700 lbs	53.00-58.00
Boars:	300-700 lbs	29.50-32.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, February 20, 2012

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	20.00	35.00
61-75 lbs.	45.00	55.00
76-90 lbs.	65.00	75.00
91-105 lbs.	80.00	85.00
106 lbs. & up	92.50	95.00
Farm Calves	97.50	125.00
Veal Calves	115.00	135.00
Open Heifers	85.00	132.50
Beef Steers	81.00	92.00
Feeder Steers	81.00	105.00
Starter Calves	40.00	55.00
Stock Bulls	85.00	105.00
Beef Bulls	75.00	95.00
Sows	45.00	52.00
Goats each	115.00	185.00
Kid Goats	100.00	150.00
Canners	Up to	79.50
Cutters	80.00	82.50
Utility Grade Cows	83.00	88.50
Rabbits each	11.00	41.00
Chickens each	7.00	40.00
Ducks each	12.00	19.00
Feeder Pigs	37.50	50.00
Lambs	130.00	255.00
Sheep	55.00	210.00



**WHOLESALE VEGETABLES
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**



	Low	High
ALFALFA SPRTS,5lb	11.00	12.00
APPLE,Red del,88ct,xfcy	21.00	21.00
APPLE,CrtInd,80ct,xfcy	25.00	25.00
APPLE, CrtInd,88ct,xfcy	25.00	25.00
APPLE,Mac, 120ct,US1	15.00	16.00
BEAN SPROUT, 10lb	4.50	5.00
CIDER 4/1gal	15.00	15.00
PARSNIP,25lb	24.00	24.00
POTATOES,Rnd,wh,50lb	11.00	12.00
POTATOES, 10lb	2.50	2.50
SQUASH,Bttrnt,1/9bu,med	16.00	17.00
TOMATOES,Chrry,5lb flat	14.00	14.00
TOMATOES,Grnhs,12lb,xl	26.00	30.00

SHIPPED IN

	Low	High
ARTICHOKES,18s,CA	34.00	35.00
BEAN,Grn,md,bu,FL	28.00	32.00
BLACKBERRY, 12/6,MX	11.00	12.00
BLUEBERRY, 12/1pt,CE	26.00	30.00
CANTALOUPE, 12ct,HD	18.00	19.00
CARROTS,50 lb,lse,CA	17.00	18.00
CAULFLOWER,12ct,AZ	12.00	14.00
EGGPLANT,1-1/9,md,FL	22.00	22.00
GARLIC,Col,30lb,CA	45.00	50.00
LETTUCE,Rmn,24,CA	15.00	16.00
NECTARINES,36,CL	18.00	18.00
ONION,Red,25lb,NY	7.00	8.00
ORANGE, 113ct,CA	15.00	15.00
PEPPER, Cbnll,1-1/9,Ig	20.00	20.00
PEPPER,Red,1-1/9,xl,FL	16.00	18.00
RHUBARB,6kg,Grnhs,NE	28.00	28.00

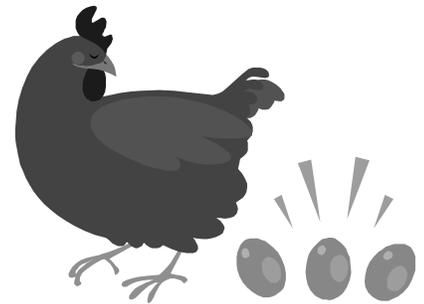
(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

February 20, 2012

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:		
Breakers 75-80%lean		
79.00-84.00	84.50-92.00	74.00-78.00
Boners 80-85% lean		
74.00-79.00	79.50-85.00	69.00-73.00
Lean 85-90% lean		
69.00-73.50	73.50-79.00	60.50-64.00
SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1		
1160-1640 lbs	91.00-94.00	
CALVES: All prices per cwt.		
Graded Bull Calves: Number 1		
90-108 lbs	156.00-172.00	
110-128 lbs	135.00-148.00	
Number 2	88-100 lbs	165.00-177.00
Number 3	90-130 lbs	135.00-155.00
Holstein Heifers: Number 1		
85-105 lbs	150.00-195.00	
Number 2		
70-95 lbs	105.00-150.00	
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:		
Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3		
50-60 lbs	245.00-265.00	
60-80 lbs	225.00-245.00	
80-90 lbs	212.00-230.00	



**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND
SHELL EGGS**

Prices paid per dozen. Grade A brown egg in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	143-153
LARGE	139-150
MEDIUM	109-120

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

February 20, 2012

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, white eggs in cartons, warehouse, centers per dozen. (Range)

EXTRA LARGE	102-106
LARGE	100-104
MEDIUM	78-82

PENNSYLVANIA GRAIN REPORT

February 13, 2012

Grain market for eastern Pennsylvania.

Corn, No.2, bu.	6.92-7.28
Ear Corn, ton	200-205
Soybeans, No.2, bu.	11.54-12.09



90-110 lbs	206.00-225.00
110-130 lbs	193.00-208.00
130-150 lbs	178.00-192.00
Wooled & Shorn Choice 2-3	
40-60 lbs	N/A
60-80 lbs	208.00-223.00
80-90 lbs	205.00-220.00
90-110 lbs	185.00-200.00
110-130 lbs	n/a
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh	
120-160 lbs	108.00-124.00
160-200 lbs	103.00-118.00
200-300 lbs	90.00-100.00
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh	
120-160 lbs	101.00-116.00
160-200 lbs	90.00-98.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on est. weights.	
Kids: 20-40lbs	104.00-122.00
40-60 lbs	122.00-153.00
60-80lbs	150.00-167.00
80-100lbs	164.00-184.00
100-120lbs	180.00-188.00
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs	152.00-167.00
130-180 lbs	167.00-175.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150lbs	176.00-195.00
150-250 lbs	220.00-240.00

ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SALE

1-R. Blumenthal & Donahue is now CT's first independent NATIONWIDE Agri-Business Insurance Agency. Christmas tree growers, beekeepers, sheepbreeders, organic farmers and all others, call us for all your insurance needs. 800-554-8049 or www.bludon.com

2-R. Farm, homeowner and commercial insurance—we do it all. Call Blumenthal & Donahue 800 554-8049 or www.bludon.com

4-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. Sonpal's Power Fence 860-491-2290.

6-R. Packaging for egg sales. New egg cartons, flats, egg cases, 30 doz and 15 doz. Polinsky Farm 860-376-2227.

9-R. Rough sawn lumber, fence boards, trailer planks, tomato stakes, custom and portable sawing 203-788-2430.

10-R. Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance Program, endorsed by the CT Farm Bureau, save up to 23% on your farm insurance and get better protection. References available from satisfied farmers. Call Marci today at 203-444-6553.

20-R. Tractor: CIH Model 70, 2010, 550 hours, 70 HP, 2 WD, ROPS, 13.9 x 38 radials. Dual remotes. \$21,900.00. Mater Mac 3PH air planter with fertilizer and liquid tank and pump. \$3,800.00. CIMA mist blower sprayer. 3PH with Cannon head, 110 gallon. \$1,800.00. Ferguson Rotovator, 3PH, 6 foot. Extra tines. \$1,750.00. 3PH forklift. Cat. \$1,250.00. Vicon 3PH fertilizer spreader, 600 lb. capacity. \$750.00. Rears 3PH Pak forks. \$200.00. 860-428-4846.

23-R. Taking pre-orders for spring Narragansett turkey poults, min 5, \$9 each. 10 or more \$8 each. Pick up in New Milford, CT pbuc-ciaqlia@yahoo.com or 860-350-3158 for details.

24-R. 30 ft/ x 148 ft. hoop greenhouse, will help to dismantle, \$3,500.00 or best offer. Wheeler Farm, Portland, CT 860-342-2734, 1-888-GERANIUM (437-2648).

25-R. FOR SALE: Mail order business of "Alpine window box ivy geraniums of Europe". Hundreds of (UPS) customers in 48 states for 20 years. Order U.R.C. for early March from Syngenta. Only 1 week ordering time required. Not too late to get started. See our website www.wheelerfarmgardens.com. 860-342-2374, 1-888-GERANIUM (437-2648).

27. Pequea gooseneck flatbed trailer. 24 ft. 14,000 GVW. Great for hay or equipment. 203-788-0978.

WANTED

22-R. Wanted: Someone to raise poultry for. I have a 12,000 square foot environmental controlled poultry house, central heat, nipple waterers, pan feeders, back up power and 2-10 ton bins. Experienced. Ken Hunter, Brooklyn, CT. 860-774-4470.

26-R. Wanted: 4 wheel hay wagon- any condition. 860-648-1355.

28. Wanted: Hereford or Angus calves. Ask for Glenn. 860-234-3071.

MISCELLANEOUS

7-R. Farm/Land Specializing in land, farms, and all types of Real Estate. Established Broker with a lifetime of agricultural experience and 40 years of finance. Representing both Buyers and Sellers. Call Clint Charter of Wallace-Tustin Realty (860) 644-5667.

11-R. Lily's LLC Appraisal Services specializes in Estates, Commercial & Industrial, Residential, Agricultural, Conservation Easements and Reevaluation Appraisals. Call Lori Longhi at 860-463-9997.

29-R. Heavy duty brush and small tree mowing services, specializing in WHIP Programs, overgrown fields, hedge row removal, drainage ditch maintenance or any other out of control brush or overgrowth. Will be working for Bahler Farms in Ellington, CT. Call for dates and location 860-559-3009 or 860-875-0280, www.burkeridgeconstructionllc.com

COMMISSIONER REVICZKY ANNOUNCES NEW FARMLAND RESTORATION PROGRAM

(continued from Page 1)

"This program is another component of our long-range plan to grow sustainable agriculture here in Connecticut," said Commissioner Reviczky. "These grants will help reestablish the productive use of our state's prime and important agricultural lands while providing farmers an opportunity to enhance their businesses through increased production. That, in turn, will add jobs and contribute to the state's economic growth."



Installing field drains as part of farmland restoration work

More information about the Farmland Restoration Program, including a program overview, application form, and checklist, is available on the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's website, www.CTGrown.gov (click on "Programs and Services"), or by calling 860-713-2511.

CAES SEEKS FARMER PARTICIPANTS FOR MAJOR POLLINATION STUDY GRANT

Pumpkin and Winter Squash Growers: Would you like to know if you are getting sufficient pollination of your pumpkins and squash? Are you losing yield due to lack of pollination? Would you be willing to participate in a research study to find out?

A study at Cornell found that pumpkin growers who supplemented their pollinators by purchasing bumble bees increased their yield by 70%. Honey bees have been dying off for the last five years from a combination of causes that are still not well understood. Some species of bumble bees that were formerly common in New England are now almost entirely extinct. Pumpkins and winter squash are 100% dependent on insect pollination, carried out mostly by various species of bees, in order to set fruit.

Dr. Kimberly Stoner at The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) in New Haven, has a 5-year USDA grant for a study to determine if we have a pollination deficit in pumpkins and winter squash here in Connecticut. She is seeking 20 growers to participate on the project. If you are interested in participating, please contact Dr. Stoner at Kimberly.Stoner@ct.gov or 203-974-8480.

The Connecticut Week Agricultural Report offers affordable classified advertisements for your farm-related needs. See Page 4 for details and rates, or contact Jane Slupecki at 860-713-2588 or Jane.Slupecki@ct.gov for more information.

USDA SEEKS PROPOSALS FOR WATER QUALITY MARKETS PROJECTS

Water quality credit trading is a market-based approach to lowering costs of reducing pollution. It has the potential to engage more farmers and ranchers in water quality improvement efforts through the implementation of more conservation practices on agricultural lands. A producer who implements conservation practices to reduce water quality pollutants can also benefit by generating water quality market credits that could be sold in an open market—reducing the cost of implementing and maintaining the conservation practices.

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has announced up to \$10 million in Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) for these water quality market projects. Funds will be awarded through a competitive grants process. At least 50% of the total cost must come from non-federal matching funds. Projects must involve producers who are eligible for the NRCS [Environmental Quality Incentives Program](#).

Proposals are due March 2, 2012. For more info, contact Nancy Ferlow, 860-871-4049.

LOANS AVAILABLE TO RURAL YOUTHS

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) has announced the availability of Rural Youth Loans. These direct loans have a maximum loan amount of \$5,000 and can be used by individuals to establish and operate income-producing projects of modest size in connection with their participation in 4-H, Future Farmers of Amer-

ica and similar organizations. Projects require sponsorship by an advisor, permission of a parent, and demonstration that the recipient can repay the loan with the project.

Eligible youth must be U.S. citizens between 10 and 20 years old, live in a town of fewer than 50,000 people, and be unable to obtain a loan from other sources. Loans may be used to buy livestock, equipment, and supplies; buy, rent, or repair needed tools and equipment; and pay operating expenses for running the project.

For more information, contact Ronald Clark, New London County FSA office, 860-887-9941, ext. 105, or visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

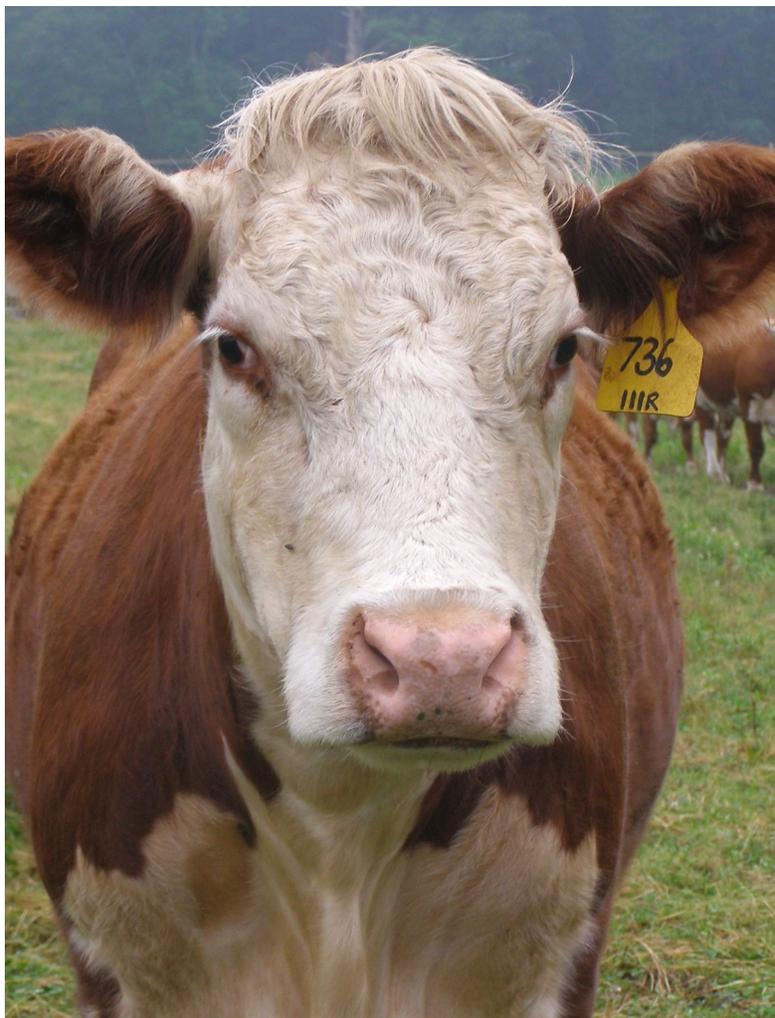
USDA CELEBRATES 150 YEARS

In 2012, USDA will commemorate and celebrate the 150th anniversary of its founding in 1862, when President Abraham Lincoln signed into law an act of Congress establishing the United States Department of Agriculture.

Two and one-half years later, in what would be his final annual message to the Congress, Lincoln called USDA "The People's Department." At that time, about half of all Americans lived on farms.

Today, only about two percent live on farms, but through its work on food, agriculture, economic development, science, natural resource conservation and a host of issues, USDA still fulfills Lincoln's vision, touching the lives of every American, every day.

Fascinating fact: The USDA South Building in Washington, D.C. was completed in 1937. At the time it was the largest office building in the nation.



Advertising Rates: Fifteen words or less \$3.75 per insertion. For ads of more than 15 words, 25 cents per word per insertion. Initial letters, hyphenated words, phone numbers, and addresses, etc., are counted separately. Print or type copy. Publication on a specific date cannot be guaranteed. Advertisements will be published on a first-come, first-served basis. Ads must be received by noon the Friday before a publication date to be considered for insertion. Only ads of an agricultural nature with a Connecticut phone number will be accepted. Remittance with copy required. Make check or money order payable to the Connecticut Department of Agriculture.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commissioner	Steven K. Reviczky 860-713-2500
Marketing & Technology	Robert Pellegrino 860-713-2503
Regional Market	Robert Pellegrino 860-566-3699
State Veterinarian	Dr. Mary J. Lis 860-713-2505
Regulation & Inspection	Dr. Bruce Sherman 860-713-2504
Farmland Preservation	Joseph Dippel 860-713-2511
Aquaculture	David Carey 203-874-2855
FAX NUMBERS	860-713-2516 860-713-2514

Email: Linda.Piotrowicz@ct.gov
Internet: www.CT.gov/doag

Connecticut Weekly Agricultural Report (ISSN: 1059-8723, USPS 129-340) is published weekly by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106, except for Thanksgiving, Christmas, the last week of June, one week in September, and when the Governor closes state offices. Print subscriptions are \$40.00 for two years. Periodicals postage paid at Hartford, CT. **POSTMASTER:** Send address changes to the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, 165 Capitol Ave., Hartford, CT 06106. **Print subscriptions expire on December 31, 2013.**

VOL. XCII
No. 8
February 22, 2012